

REMARKS

These remarks and the accompanying amendments are responsive to the Office Action dated March 8, 2006 and made final. Since this amendment only involves cancellation of claims that were rejected, and rewriting of claims that were objected to only as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, entry of the claims is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.116. A petition and fee for a one month extension of time, extending the period for response until July 8, 2006 accompany this response.

Section 1 of the Office Action rejected Claims 1, 4, 5, 11 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States patent number 5,896,374 issued to Okumura in view of United States patent number 6,292,484 issued to Oliver. This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation herein of all of these claims.

Section 2 of the Office Action allowed Claim 8.

Section 3 of the Office Action indicated that Claims 3, 7 and 9-10 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of their corresponding base claim, and any intervening claim. Claims 3 and 7 are so rewritten by this amendment. Claims 9 and 10 are unamended, but depend, directly or indirectly, from Claims 7 and 8, which are either allowed or are now in allowable form by this amendment.

Therefore, all of the now pending claims (as amended herein) are either allowed or allowable. Accordingly, favorable action is respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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